

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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OK Notice LD-496

For: County Offices

Performing Spot Checks of the Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP)

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

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Background

Part 6, 10-LD requires implementation of procedures for spot check of LMAAP applications beginning COB:

- August 15, 2002, for Program Year 3
- August 15, 2003, for Program Year 4.

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Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to:

- implement spot checks for Year 4
- establish a date for completing spot checks
- provide a date and format in Exhibit 1 for reporting spot check results to the STO.

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Spot Check Procedures

County Offices shall use the following procedures to implement spot checks:

- select 1 out of every 20 sheep and lamb operations approved for LMAAP
- inform each contact producer of the selected sheep and lamb operation, by telephone, that a spot check is being completed for the operation.

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Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2003	County Offices

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1 Overview, Continued

D Completing Verifications

Verifications of FSA-383's selected for spot check must be:

- completed within 60 calendar days after August 15, 2002, for Program Year 3
 - documented on the application form, in the Remarks section
 - conveyed to the State Office according to Exhibit 1.
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2 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- implement spot checks according to subparagraph 1C of this notice and Part 6, 10-LD
 - complete spot checks by October 15, 2002
 - report results of spot checks to the State Office according to the format in Exhibit 1, by COB, November 1, 2002.
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B Supporting Documentation

If any of the criteria established for the spot check in paragraph 100, 10-LD does not comply with the numbers and information disclosed on FSA-383, the sheep and lamb operation may be determined ineligible for LMAAP.

Note: In addition to ewe lamb documentation in subparagraph 100 D, 10-LD, according to Dr. Nancy Roberts, APHIS - State Dept. of Agriculture, producers need to comply with the National requirements for scrapie eradication. Producers need to keep records on each animal that moves off the farm by ID, date of birth, date of sale, who purchased the animal, where it went, or if purchased, where it came from.

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Exhibit 1

LMAAP Spot Check Results

County _____

Total number of FSA-383's approved _____

Total number of FSA-383's selected for spot check _____

Total number of discrepancies found _____

Total number of FSA-383's found ineligible _____

Number of feeder lamb payments verified _____

Number of discrepancies found _____

Describe discrepancies found: _____

Number of slaughter lamb payments verified _____

Number of discrepancies found _____

Describe discrepancies found: _____

Number of ewe lamb payments verified _____

Number of discrepancies found _____

Describe discrepancies found: _____

CED Signature

Date